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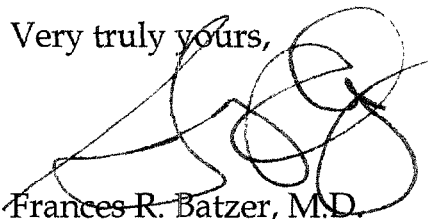
Dear Mr. Crawford:

I am writing to urge the Food and Drug Administration to make Plan B® Emergency Contraception available over the counter without delay and without restrictions.

The FDA should follow the strong scientific evidence, unprecedented medical consensus and the recommendation of the two expert advisory committees which voted in support of the over the counter switch at their December meeting. This recommendation is supported by the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Society of Adolescent Medicine, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and over a dozen other leading medical and public health organizations.

Over the counter access to Plan B would represent a tremendous advance in women's health. I urge swift FDA approval of Plan B's OTC application without further delay. Politics should not get in the way of women having a second chance to prevent an unintended pregnancy.

Very truly yours,



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